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TRUMAN DOES IT AGAIN

IT'S beginning to appear that President Truman, if you will pardon the pun, is going down in history as a man of letters. Within recent weeks he has made the front pages four times with noteworthy epistles: (1) saying he wouldn't appoint John L. Lewis dog-catcher; (2) describing the Marine Corps as the "Marly police force"; (3) causing out a Washington music critic for slurring daughter Margaret's vocal talents; and (4) turning a Congressman's sincere request into a blast at campaign tactics used to unseat Paul DeLoach.

DAVIDSON'S SCHOLARS

EVERYONE is pretty well aware that Woodrow Wilson attended Davidson College in our county, but the school has another distinction that is not well-known: it is unsurpassed by any other liberal arts school in the production of Rhodes scholars. Rhodes scholarships have become synonymous in the United States with outstanding ability. Rhodes scholars are liberally scattered through the leadership of the nation.

NOW IT'S UP TO THE POLICE

AT LAST Mayor Shaw and Chief Littlejohn have an anti-littering ordinance with teeth in it that ought to be of considerable help in putting some of the town's persistent panhandlers out of business. The Council's unanimous approval yesterday brought to a conclusion a project which has been under discussion for some months. The new ordinance wisely exempts peaceful picketing, and Chief Littlejohn has promised that the men in his department will exercise common sense in enforcing the law. A man looking at the mannequins in the store window, or a young fellow just leaning against a corner and

ON BUYING CHRISTMAS TREES

WE GUESS you're going to be buying your Christmas tree shortly and, of course, that is your business and you can go about it any way you please. We would just like to point out a few of the hazards involved. First of all is the money, no small item in this day of inflation and high taxes. You should remember that selling Christmas trees is a seasonal, one-shot vocation. You should dress in your oldest clothes and carry a basket in one hand when setting out to buy a Christmas tree, as if you might go out and chop one yourself if you don't like the price. Second, there is the task of bringing home the fir or cedar. You should have your axe and saw ready in the trunk of the car. You should have a batch of tinsel and brightly colored balls. You can add to the fun of decorating the tree by letting the kids string up some home-popped popcorn. Fifth, look out for fire hazards! Bless you all in this happy season, and happy hunting!

INCIDENTAL

THE Federal Alcohol Tax Unit reports that whereas there were 177,000 legal beverage outlets in 1918 there are today 494,450.

But the inlets are what count, not the outlets.

There are those who would argue that the more outlets the more inlets.

And they are probably right. It makes sense.

That is where the modifier "legal" comes in.

You and I will not live to see the "liquor problem" solved.

But, if we have been astute, we ought to have a fairly good idea of the circumstances under which eventually it may be solved.

Basically those circumstances will include a strict legal code for the sale of alcoholic beverages and the penalties for violation will apply equally to the buyer and the seller.

If the drunk-hauling missionaries of the past 50 years in the United States had spent as much time, energy, and money trying to close up the inlets as they have trying to close up the legal outlets while

of before Nov. 7, when the campaign in your state, Utah, North Carolina, Illinois and Indiana was carried on in a manner that was as free as the air we've seen and I've been in this game since 1906.

What connection there is between a day of national prayer and Mr. Truman's display of "polite distemper" escapes us. Certainly the injection of the latter into a letter about the former is inappropriate, to put it mildly, and raises once again grave doubts about the President's maturity of judgment.

Finch said "It is a point of wisdom to be silent when occasion requires." Publius Byrus put it this way: "I have often regretted my speech, never my silence." John Seiden noted that "Wise men say nothing in dangerous times," and even George Bernard Shaw, who was never famed for his reticence, confessed that "Silence is the most perfect expression of accord."

We call these references to Mr. Truman's attention, and make no charge for this service.

"fringe benefits" of college life, it is not surprising that graduates of the school distinguish themselves scholastically.

And its Rhodes scholars haven't stopped with the trip to England and the years at Oxford. Two of them have become college presidents; one ranks high in the State Department; one is an educationist; one is in medicine and the other is a missionary. One Davidson man—Charles T. Davis, who won the award in 1949—is now at Oxford as a Rhodes scholar and this week has announced that another Davidson student, Joseph James Murray Jr. of Lexington, Va., will join him there upon the completion of this school year.

Davis, whose mother now teaches at Davidson College, and Murray are the eighth and ninth Rhodes scholars to be selected from Davidson College.

watching the strange world go by, will not be bothered.

Rather it is aimed at drunks, panhandlers, prostitutes and homosexuals who have their regular hang-outs in the city and who congregate in such numbers as to be a nuisance to passersby. We hope Chief Littlejohn will also instruct his uptown patrolmen to keep a sharp eye out for the individual panhandlers who weave up and down some of the city's streets asking each person they meet for a dime or a quarter.

NEWSMAN HOME AFTER YEARS

In East Disgusted By U.S.

BY ROBERT C. RUARK
"THE world," says he, "ain't Texaco no more." It's a little worse, says Mr. George McCadden, an exiled newsman in Australia, who has not been home since before the end of the war. He was just checked in like man from Mars, and is not too impressed by the United States. The criticism, it is refreshing. George has three or four principal occupations. One is, we're not sure, to smug. Another, we move too fast. Again, our children are not so bright. Moreover, television is pretty messy. The other, we're not sure, now, George has been away. George has been a friend for a whole heap of years. He is neither Communist nor Fascist. Loves America, but not the United States. He has a number of normal views. Good man in his job. I think maybe his opinion is worth a little thought. For instance, the smugness. George says we are beginning to believe our own press and are about the almighty importance of the dollar, and to think we're so full of cash at everybody, everywhere, we can't see anything else. The week's news from Korea might tend to make him right. He has been in the oil business for an old-fashioned man. "You only oil the squeaking wheel." It is not a bad analogy for the country he has inhabited for six years. He has given us some interesting news. He has a little something, yes, on a security matter. He has a little something on the shoe box in the attic or going upstairs to buy a batch of tinsel and brightly colored balls. You can add to the fun of decorating the tree by letting the kids string up some home-popped popcorn. Fifth, look out for fire hazards! Bless you all in this happy season, and happy hunting!

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON
ALL Presidents, being human, sometimes lose their temper. Harry Truman has a understandable tendency to shoot from the hip when it comes to his wife and daughter. However, those on the outside of the White House know that Presidential fuse-blowing is not confined to protecting his family. More and more the President's temper has become a national policy. Quietly, but steadily, it can affect the lives of millions, and the public has a right to know about them. The President's temper. Failure to impose price controls has shot up the cost of living by billions of dollars, has increased the cost of rent, and has caused inflationary pressures which may do incalculable damage. Yet Congress long ago voted Presidential power to impose price controls. It is the Republicans led in giving the President more power than he requested. However, this power has not been used.

Anti-Baruch

ONE reason is that Bernard Baruch came down to Washington and helped persuade the Republicans to pass these powers; and the President hates Bernard Baruch. He hates him with a passion that deters and discolors his judgment. When Baruch's name comes up in the House, a dispositionnaire reason leaves the President. The hatred began when Baruch closed an invitation to join a committee of Democrats to raise money during the 1948 campaign. The President then wrote him a letter saying that he was not interested. The next month he fired Baruch's brother as Ambassador to Holland and decided that to occur on Baruch's birthday. Bernie, once a frequent caller at the White House, has never been near there since.

Instead of having to snap guy wires on the palms every few weeks, would it not be well to consult the wisdom of just bringing Florida in for the night?—Memphis Commercial-Appel.

Rising Prices Continue To Cut Defense Buying Power

WASHINGTON
AT AN EARLY date it is expected that national emergency powers will be evolved into permanent controls applied to the nation's economy. Still in the debate stage is the question of how far these controls should go. Assuming that the things that are going on in the economy are what is happening, there is considerable pressure being applied to more to resort to a halfway measure. Controls would be applied to prices but they would not be applied to wages.

POLITICAL MOTIVATION
This proposal comes within the White House and the Bureau of the Budget. For the most part it is obviously political in motivation. Labor would be highly pleased at the prospect of a halfway measure to support the thesis of many trade union chiefs that wages increased can come out of profits without any boost in prices.

But, sharply, a halfway step could not work economically. And politically it would produce an angry backfire. Therefore the likelihood is that the pressure will be ignored and controls will be imposed on both prices and wages. The probability is for a price control in the near future. The months ago. The wage freeze would be certain to work hardships in some instances. Therefore machinery would be created to consider the exceptional cases where real inflation could be shown.

The picture of the inroads made by the late last summer by Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall and Undersecretary Robert Lovett in reaching one of the Labor-Management Congress was approximately \$1,780,000 to 1950 to 1951. The plan, tanks, tanko and all the other bits of military equipment that would start rearmament in earnest. Today those billions are being spent through the award of contracts still over the top of the United States. But the dollars will buy today only about two-thirds of what they would have bought less than three months ago. That is because the price tag on everything has been made up and then marked up again and again and again. It is an exaggeration. But it is close enough to the fact to give some credence to the view of military planners for immediate control of military production. This is a period of only partial mobilization.

That is the chief reason the Administration is bent on applying them. But that decision cannot be longer delayed. It is the example of the bearing of American soldiers and Marines under the most trying conditions cannot exercise a minimum of self-restraint; then we might as well let it out once.

Not Just Right

(Estate Loomis, Richmond County Journal)
Wednesday I went to Greenboro to take my two older girls to the circus. Now, of course they both wanted to go, but for some reason or other, it seemed to me that they seemed to me I guess I would have just let the news drop and said that was the circus at Greenboro and let them take it from there. I should have appeared hereabout the whole idea and had to get. Then they would have begged and begged and begged me. And they would have begged so pitifully and would have been so persistent that finally I would give in. Then they would have dragged me off to the circus in a triumph.

Half Past Something

(Canden Chronicle)
Another one of life's oddities is that when you wake up at night wondering what time it is, you've got to go to school to learn. Whether it is just a clock or half past something, you've got to go to school to learn. You get up to see what time it really is.

The Silence

(Mount Olive Tribune)
The other morning, Mr. Davis picked up the two little boys, about eight and ten years old, and decided he would have a little fun with them. "Where are you going to school, Mr. Davis asked. "What are you going to school for?" Mr. Davis asked. "What are you learning about?" Mr. Davis asked. "What are you going to school for?" Mr. Davis asked. "What are you learning about?" Mr. Davis asked.

How To Avoid Jail

(Sanford Herald)
The man who regularly read the court records realizes that there are a dozen different ways to keep out of jail but a Moore County Negro came up with a new one. The remainder of the trip into town was made in silence.

Pearson Prediction

ANOTHER illustration of Presidential peevishness which upset the country was the chief issue of the campaign. Senator William Whiting Young, of North Carolina, Judge John Patrick Higgins of Massachusetts and Adm. Chester Nimitz, White House advisers had the President appointing this board to supersede the Tydings committee for the purpose of thoroughly examining the question of Communism in the State Dept. A nonpartisan board of judges, it was argued, would lift the question of loyalty out of the court and into politics and give a categorical answer to Senator McCarthy. The President, at first, was all for it.

Palace Guard

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'Knock Off A Good Percentage Right Over Here'



Collected By Bill Sharpe

TURBENT DRIPPINGS

Point Of View
(Lake City News)
I have the chap who tries to beat the traffic light. But it happens to be me—why that's quite all right. I bothe the car that in a man twists out and in. But I'm sitting at the wheel I've got. At the drivers who lean on their horns, I raise and shout. But when some old gets in my way, I hunk and shout. I'm not out of the chances another taxi. But I drive 60 miles an hour, and trust my traffic. I wonder it is possible they cannot see that traffic laws were made for them and not for me!

Brotherly Crime

(Moragton Pocketbook)
At the trial, the judge was questioning the prosecutor. "Have you ever been in trouble before?" he asked. "No, sir, answered the witness, "I've never been in trouble before." "All right," said the judge, "I'll let you go." The judge was about to dismiss him, when the district attorney held up his hand. "Your honor," he cautioned, "the prisoner, forget to explain that his big brother is member of the Security National Club."

Makes No Difference

(Zebulus Record)
Douglas Chambliss and a group of research men from North Carolina State College, were being asked the country's slow growth plans of a mountain side by a mountain state. The sun beat down on them. They were asked to write his signature. The district college teachers decided to combine work with sun bathing.

Friendly Buses

(Greenboro News)
A bus ride in Tarheel is the next best thing to a day in Dr. Freud's office. For some reason or other there are four places which are always being a—filling station, a courthouse, a newspaper office and one day before the trial. It may be that some are friendlier than others.

Small Temper Decides Foreign Policy

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